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Attention: Colonel Robert W. Smith

Dear Bob:

I hope you will remember some of the interesting conversations we had during the pre-Geneva sessions in Washington.

I refer in particular to our discussion about the need for studying the dynamics of missile site construction, through the eyes of both large and small scale photography, and to the obvious relevance of this to satellite reconnaissance. I promised at that time to send you a letter which I wrote to NSD in early 1970 about this subject; that letter is enclosed. In my opinion, it is vital for us to get off the theory and conversational level, and into the experimental arena, where we can examine real data. The letter I wrote was not acted on, or to put it in more mild form, there are no results available for inspection. If you are interested in devising a program for accomplishing this task, I will be more than pleased to work with you or with anyone you designate.

The applicability of this work to reconnaissance is obvious. I think it is at least as obvious that it is equally important for us to have the results of these experiments in hand before any other Geneva meetings occur. Your comments and suggestions will be welcomed. Of course, the enclosed letter was written before the advent of Vandenberg Air Force Base and the Cheyenne site, so these would have to be included were the letter updated.

Best regards from Marton Davies. It appears Mart will be stationed in AFCEW for the next year or so, starting around March 1.

Sincerely yours,

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 Electronics Department

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